

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Montague } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 64539195

That we, Kathryn Phillips, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto Commissioners Court, his successors in office, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2023.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, duly appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Tax Assessor/Collector in and for Montague County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Kathryn Phillips Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

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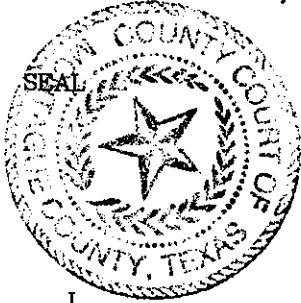
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague } ss

Before me, Kem Jones  
Kathryn Phillips, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Montague, Texas, this 27th day of March, 2024.



Kem Jones  
Montague County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague ss

The foregoing bond of Kathleen Phillips as Tax Assessor-Collator in and for Montague County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST

[Signature]  
County Clerk



[Signature]  
County Judge,  
Montague County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague ss

I, [Signature] County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing bond dated the 19th day of December, 2023, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 2nd day of March, 2024, at 6:33 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 5th day of March, 2024, at 8:33 o'clock A M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 9, on page 679.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Montague Texas, the day and year last above written

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

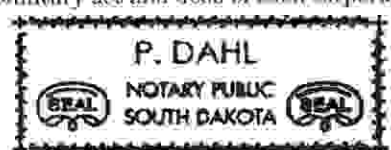


[Signature]  
Clerk  
Montague County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 18th day of December, 2023, personally appeared Larry Masien to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



My Commission Expires June 18, 2025

[Signature]  
Notary Public

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Tax Assessor/Collector County of Montague

bond with bond number 64539195

for Kathryn Phillips

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 19th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 19th day of December, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

S. Green  
Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.



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Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President, as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Tax Assessor/Collector

bond with bond number 64539179

for Kathryn Phillips

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

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In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President Larry Kasten with the corporate seal affixed this 19th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST

L. Bauder

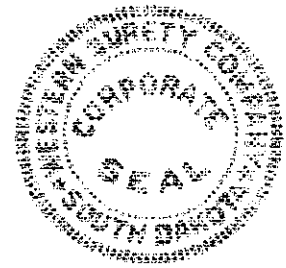
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Larry Kasten

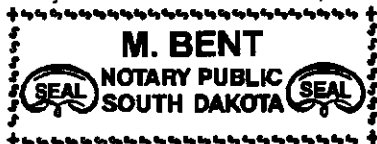
Larry Kasten, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 19th day of December, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

M. Bent

Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.





BOND OF TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR (Required by TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28)

Bond number 64539179

STATE OF TEXAS } COUNTY Montague

PRINCIPAL: Kathryn Phillips, Social Security number [redacted], Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the County of Montague, elected [ ] appointed on [x] April 1st, 2024

Federal Employer Identification number: 45-06204500

SURETY: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, authorized and qualified to do business as a surety company in the State of Texas. Surety's mailing address: 101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

AMOUNT OF BOND: One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00)

CONDITIONS: We, the Principal and Surety shown above, and our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, are responsible to the Governor of the State of Texas, and successors in office, for the amount of this bond payable at the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the City of Austin. If the Principal performs all the duties of the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and honestly accounts for all money that comes into the office during the Principal's full term of office, then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, the obligation shall remain in full force for the full term. An additional bond may be demanded if the Comptroller of Public Accounts determines that the amount of this bond is insufficient. The demand for additional bond shall not affect the validity of this or any other bond given by the Principal. This bond shall be continuous for the full term of office and is executed according to the provisions of TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28

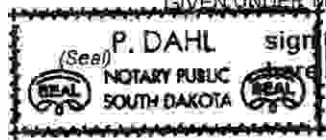
SIGNATURES: Signature and seal of office of the Principal affixed: Kathryn Phillips, Date 3/07/2024. Signature of a duly authorized officer of the Surety and Corporate seal affixed: Larry Kaalen, Vice President, Date December 18th, 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: (Acknowledgements are necessary BEFORE this bond is filed for approval.) ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Montague. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Kathryn Phillips, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, as Principal, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity herein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 27th day of March, 2024. My commission expires on [redacted]. County Clerk



SURETY COMPANY. STATE OF South Dakota, County of Minnehaha. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Larry Kaalen, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed as the act and deed of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 18th day of December, 2023. My commission expires on [redacted].



Notary Public: P. Dahl, Date: June 18, 2025

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Kathryn Phillips, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Tax Assessor - Collector of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward

- for the giving or withholding a vote of the election at which I was ELECTED.
- to secure my APPOINTMENT or the confirmation thereof.

Assessor - Collector

sign here Kathryn Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 27 day of March

sign here Kim Jones

APPROVED BY  
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

sign here

Comptroller of Public Accounts

APPROVED IN OPEN COMMISSIONERS' COURT

sign here Montague

County Judge Montague County

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

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sign here Kim Jones

County Clerk Kim Jones County

BOND AND OATH

OF

Kathryn Phillips

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF

Montague COUNTY

MARCH 25, 2004

sign here Montague

County Judge Montague County

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

MARCH 27, 2004

sign here Kim Jones

County Clerk Kim Jones County

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BOND**

- BOND REQUIREMENT:** Each person elected or appointed Assessor-Collector must make a bond to the state within twenty days after receiving notice of election or appointment.
  - **ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after the Commissioners' Court has canvassed the general election returns and Assessor-Collector has received notice of election.
  - **APPOINTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after official appointment.
- BOND AMOUNT:** Bond must be made for an amount equal to 5% of the net total of state motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor vehicle registration fees collected in the county during the twelve-month period ending August 31 immediately prior to the date the bond is executed. However, the bond shall not exceed \$100,000 nor be less than \$2,500.
- SIGNATURES:** The Assessor-Collector must sign the bond as Principal after the election or appointment. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must sign the bond for the surety company after the election or appointment.
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** The acknowledgement for the Assessor-Collector must be completed after the Assessor-Collector has signed as Principal. The acknowledgement for the surety company must be completed after the agent has signed as the surety.
- OATH OF OFFICE:** The oath of office must be completed after the election or appointment but before the bond is approved by the Commissioners' Court. Check the applicable box.
- APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT:** The bond must be approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge after the signatures, acknowledgements and the oath of office are completed.
- RECORDING BY THE COUNTY CLERK:** The bond must be recorded by the County Clerk after it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge.
- APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:** The completed bond should be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for approval.

Send to: **COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
 Account Maintenance Division  
 111 E. 17th Street  
 Austin, Texas 78774-0100